

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Funding Opportunity Description: The NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP), as authorized under the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, provides matching grants of financial assistance for international coral reef conservation cooperative agreements. CRCP solicits proposals that will support the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program's International Strategy 2010-2015 (International Strategy). The International Strategy focuses on supporting existing regional efforts in four priority regions based on their interconnections with U.S. reef ecosystems and existing initiatives and partnerships. Three of these four priority regions will be considered under this Federal Funding Opportunity: the Wider Caribbean, Micronesia and independent Samoa.

Funding for the FY2014 competition is subject to the availability of Congressional appropriations and is expected to be approximately \$600,000. NOAA expects that each applicant will request Federal funding at an annual funding level between \$150,000 and \$300,000 over a 24-month (2-year) award period. Continued funding depends on future Congressional appropriations, NOAA/CRCP priorities, and recipient performance in the first year(s) of the award.

FULL ANNOUNCEMENT TEXT

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Program Objective

Coral reefs and associated seagrass and mangrove communities are among the most complex and diverse ecosystems on earth. They support important fishing and tourism industries, protect coasts from wave and storm damage, build tropical islands, contain an array of potential pharmaceuticals, and provide essential services like food security, livelihood, and culture, among other benefits.

As shallow-water, near shore communities, coral reef ecosystems are ecologically closely linked to adjacent watersheds and are highly vulnerable to human activity. Stresses in the coral reef environment include poor water quality from runoff and inadequate sewage treatment, destructive fishing practices, sedimentation, recreational overuse and misuse, and impacts from climate change and ocean acidification.

To address these threats, Congress passed the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (Act), which established the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP) and provided guidance for allocation of Federal funding toward efforts to conserve coral reef ecosystems in the U.S. and Internationally. As required in the Act, one of the primary functions of the CRCP is to provide matching grants of financial assistance to external partners for coral reef conservation projects consistent with the Act and CRCP priorities.

Current (2010-2015) CRCP priorities are outlined in several documents, including the CRCP National Goals and Objectives 2010-2015 (http://coralreef.noaa.gov/aboutcrcp/strategy/currentgoals/resources/3threats_go.pdf), the Jurisdictional Management Priority Setting Documents (<http://coralreef.noaa.gov/aboutcrcp/strategy/reprioritization/managementpriorities/>), and the International Strategy (http://coralreef.noaa.gov/aboutcrcp/strategy/currentgoals/resources/intl_strategy.pdf). These documents are relevant to all CRCP Grant Programs, but some may be more or less relevant to particular applicants. Please refer to Section B. Program Priorities of this document for details on which of these documents is/are most applicable for this funding announcement.

As required under the Act, NOAA published revised NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program (Grant Program) Implementation Guidelines (Guidelines) on Thursday, August 12, 2010 in Federal Register Vol. 75, No. 155, page 48934. The Guidelines are available at: <http://coralreef.noaa.gov/aboutcrcp/workwithus/funding/grants/welcome.html>.

All pre- and final applications submitted pursuant to this FFO must be consistent with the requirements stated herein and the Guidelines. Funding is subject to the availability of Federal appropriations.

In FY14, the CRCP intends to initiate new awards in the following funding categories:

- 1) CRCP Domestic Coral Reef Conservation Grants;
- 2) CRCP International Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements;
- 3) CRCP Fishery Management Council Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements.

All of the information in this funding opportunity announcement pertains only to the International Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements funding category.

B. Program Priorities

In FY 2014, the CRCP will accept applications for 2-year cooperative agreements focused on building international capacity for the effective ecosystem-based management of coral reef ecosystems, particularly in support of regional ocean governance initiatives in priority international regions. As outlined in the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program International Strategy 2010-2015 (International Strategy, which can be found at http://coralreef.noaa.gov/aboutcrp/strategy/currentgoals/resources/intl_strategy.pdf), CRCP's international efforts align with the program's twenty-year strategic goals and five-year objectives, which are designed to effectively reduce threats to coral reefs internationally. It focuses on the regions and specific coral reef conservation activities where the CRCP can have the greatest impact while building on NOAA strengths, partnerships, resources and expertise.

The four Goals of the CRCP International Strategy are to:

- 1) Work with regional initiatives to build MPA networks and strengthen local management capacity to improve and maintain resilience of coral reef ecosystems and the human communities that depend on them (Priority Goal 1, CRCP International Strategy);
- 2) Develop and implement tools and practices to more effectively observe, predict, communicate, and manage climate change impacts in priority international locations (Goal 2, CRCP International Strategy);
- 3) Strengthen local and national capacity and policy frameworks to reduce impacts of fishing on coral reef ecosystems (Goal 3, CRCP International Strategy); and,
- 4) Strengthen policy frameworks and institutional capacities to reduce impacts to coral reef ecosystems from pollution due to land-based activities (Goal 4, CRCP International Strategy).

Depending on the availability of funds, CRCP intends to support cooperative agreements in each of three priority regions (the Wider Caribbean; Micronesia; and independent Samoa).

For each region, cooperative agreements should (a) address Goals 1, 2, 3, and/or 4 of the CRCP International Strategy; and (b) address specific considerations listed below for the specific priority region. Specific considerations to be included in pre- and final applications, in no particular order, include:

1) The pre- and final applications must identify the specific objective(s) under the selected Goal/s that the proposal will address, and must clearly explain how the proposal will support the selected objective(s) of the goals.

2) The pre- and final applications must propose a cooperative agreement with substantial NOAA involvement and describe how this involvement will be achieved. The grantee should expect substantial agency collaboration, participation, and/or intervention in project performance. Substantial involvement exists when: responsibility for the management, control, direction, or performance of the project is shared by the assisting agency and the grantee; or the assisting agency has the right to intervene (including interruption or modification) in the conduct or performance of project activities.

3) Applications for cooperative agreements in the Wider Caribbean region must refer to the following document, "CaMPAM MPA Management Capacity Assessment" (CaMPAM Assessment), which can be found at:
<http://campam.gcfi.org/CapAssess/CaMPAMCapacityAssessment2011.pdf> and must fulfill the following requirements:

a) Proposed activities must take place in at least two (2) of the following countries and/or territories: Bahamas; Belize; British Virgin Islands; Grenada; Honduras; Mexico; Saba and St. Eustatius; St. Lucia; St. Vincent and the Grenadines; and Turks and Caicos Islands.

b) Proposed activities must take place in a minimum of three (3) of the following 27 MPA sites, which are addressed by the CaMPAM Assessment:

Bahamas: Andros Barrier Reef National Park; Pelican Cay Land and Sea Park; South Berry Islands Marine Reserve

Belize: Half Moon Caye and Blue Hole Natural Monuments; Port Honduras Marine Reserve; South Water Caye Marine Reserve

British Virgin Islands: Hans Creek Fisheries Protected Area; Horseshoe Reef Fisheries Protected Area; Wreck of the Rhone Marine Park

Grenada: Molinière/Beauséjour Marine Protected Area; Sandy Island - Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area

Honduras: Monumento Natural Marino Archipiélago Cayos Cochinos; Zona de Protección Especial Marina Sandy Bay; Zona de Protección Especial Marina Turtle Harbour/Rock Harbour

Mexico: Parque Nacional Arrecife Alacranes; Parque Nacional Arrecifes de Xcalak; Parque Nacional Costa Occidental de Isla Mujeres Punta Cancún y Punta Nizuc

Saba and St. Eustatius: Saba Marine Park; St. Eustatius National Marine Park

St. Lucia: Pitons Management Area; Point Sable Environmental Protection Area; Soufriere Marine Managed Area

St. Vincent and the Grenadines: South Coast Marine Park; Tobago Cays Marine Park

Turks and Caicos Islands: Columbus Landfall National Park; Princess Alexandra Land and Sea National Park; West Caicos Marine National Park.

c) Activities proposed for each MPA must directly address at least two (2) Management Capacity Priority Needs identified for that MPA in the CaMPAM MPA Management Capacity Assessment.

4) Applications for cooperative agreements in Samoa must support independent Samoa coral reef conservation efforts towards independent Samoa's engagement in the Two Samoas Initiative. However, funds can only be expended in independent Samoa for activities that will support independent Samoa's engagement in the Two Samoa's Initiative.

5) Applications for cooperative agreements in Micronesia can include: a) management planning and effectiveness evaluations; b) community engagement program development; c) integrated biophysical and socioeconomic monitoring linked to site management goals; d) use of climate change tools and crisis response and planning; and e) communication to the public, stakeholders and policy makers about the above topics.

6) ALL proposals must fulfill the following requirements:

a) Involvement of two or more countries that are actively engaged in regional marine conservation initiatives, such as the Two Samoas Initiative, Micronesia Challenge and the Caribbean Challenge;

b) Enclosure of a letter of support from each country's government agency responsible for planning and/or management of coastal and marine resources;

c) Enclosure of a letter of support from a regional organization with experience working in marine area management in the geographic location of the project.

d) Engagement from each country's key government agencies in the implementation of the cooperative agreement.

7) Please note that U.S. Federal employees and contractors are not allowed to assist in the preparation of applications or write letters of support for any application. NOAA employees may provide a statement verifying that they are collaborating with the project applicant, confirming the degree and nature of the collaboration, and acknowledging the utility of the proposed work; letters of support from NOAA employees will be discarded from application materials prior to technical review. Federal employee travel and salaries are not allowable costs under this funding category. Please direct all questions about this competition, including application procedures and selection criteria, to the Federal Program Officer listed under section VII. Agency Contacts.

All projects funded through this competition are expected to result in tangible improvements in the condition of coral reef ecosystems. To achieve this outcome, applicants should specify the activities they will undertake as well as the specific outputs and products that are expected to result from funded proposals. Specific outputs may include:

a) Support to management authorities in the form of management plans, legislation, regulations or policies, best management practices, communication and outreach tools, and/or applied research aimed at enhancing local capacity to conserve coral reef resources;

b) Environmental data, including recorded and derived observations and measurements of the physical, chemical, biological, geological, and geophysical properties and conditions of the oceans and atmosphere, as well as correlative data, such as socio- economic data and media (recordings, photos, videos etc.), and their accompanying metadata files, must comply with standards developed or endorsed by the Federal Geographic Data Committee (<http://www.fgdc.gov>). The FGDC has recently endorsed the use of International Standards Organization (ISO) 19115 Parts 1 and 2 and representation standard ISO 19139 for documenting environmental data and information (<http://www.ncddc.noaa.gov/metadata-standards/>). If you are documenting geospatial data in accordance with the FGDC Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Data this template identifies the minimum fields CRCP required for a complete record (http://coris.noaa.gov/data/examples/bamf_min_crcp_fields.txt). All data products must be archived in multiple locations and provided to CRCP for long-term storage in accordance with the terms of the award and the award's Data/Information Sharing Plan, as described in Section IV.(B).4; and Other outputs, such as assessments, publications, summary reports, outreach and education materials, and other useful products, that provide resource managers and the public with timely and readily understandable information on coral reefs. These outputs must be identified in the original application as described in Section IV.(B).2.h and must be provided to NOAA at the end of the award period; products may be made available to the public via NOAA's Coral Reef Information System. As such, all products should be of

publishable quality and include appropriate acknowledgement of the support provided by NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program as described at:
<http://coralreef.noaa.gov/aboutcrp/howeare/graphic/>.

C. Program Authority

Authority for the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program is provided by Section 6403 (Coral Reef Conservation Program) of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq).

II. Award Information

A. Funding Availability

NOAA announces the availability of approximately \$600,000 in FY 2014 to support International Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative. Distribution of awards may be in the following approximate ranges according to funding availability:

1) Approximately \$150,000 for the first 12 months of a 24-month cooperative agreement in the Wider Caribbean.

2) Approximately \$150,000 for the first 12 months of a 24-month cooperative agreement in independent Samoa

3) Approximately \$300,000 for the first 12 months of a 24-month cooperative agreement in Micronesia

The applicant may propose work for FY2015 as part of this 2-year application. Requested funding should be approximately \$150,000 for Year 2 in the Wider Caribbean and independent Samoa, and approximately \$300,000 for Year 2 work in Micronesia. However, final funding will be subject to future Federal appropriations, NOAA/CRCP priorities, and recipient performance in the first year of the award.

CRCP funds will be used to support financial assistance awards that meet the criteria listed in section I. B. Program Priorities. Applicants that are invited to submit a final application may be requested to revise award objectives, work plans, or budgets prior to submittal of the final application. The amount of funds to be awarded and the final scope of activities will be determined in pre-award negotiations among the applicant, NOAA Grants Management Division (GMD) and relevant NOAA CRCP staff.

Funding for the second year of the cooperative agreement(s) will be subject to the availability of Federal appropriations. Applicants should NOT begin a project in expectation of funds under this competition.

B. Project/Award Period

Awards under this Grant Program will have a 24-month period. Pre- and final applications must have an anticipated start date of October 1, 2014.

C. Type of Funding Instrument

Successful applicants will enter into a cooperative agreement with NOAA's National Ocean Service, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Coral Conservation Division.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are limited to the following categories: institutions of higher education, U.S. and international non-profit organizations, non-US government authorities, and commercial organizations. Individuals and U.S. Federal agencies are not eligible.

Priority will be given to regional organizations that work in multiple countries and have a working relationship and demonstrated experience working with the local government authorities that manage the marine areas addressed. Applicants must describe their past experience in the selected sites or countries and whether there are any environmental conservation agreements in place with the local partners and government authorities. It is strongly recommended that applicants collaborate with local government authorities in the project design and preparation of the application. Applicants must be in good standing with all existing NOAA grants and/or cooperative funding agreements in order to receive consideration for an award.

Specific country eligibility is limited to:

1) The following Non-US countries and territories of the Wider Caribbean: Bahamas, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Grenada, Honduras, Mexico, Saba and St. Eustatius, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Turks and Caicos Islands. For eligible MPA sites in each country please refer to above Section B. Program Priorities.

2) The Southwest Pacific: independent Samoa. Priority will be given to work conducted in independent Samoa, particularly work that contributes to independent Samoa's engagement in the Two Samoa's Initiative.

3) The Freely Associated States including independent countries under compacts of free association with the United States: the Republic of the Marshall Islands; the Republic of Palau; and the Federated States of Micronesia.

B. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

All awards of financial assistance provided by the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program (Grant Program) under the authority of the Coral Reef Conservation Act (Act) of 2000 are subject to the matching fund requirements described below. As per section 6403(b)(1) of the Act, Federal funds for any coral conservation project funded under this Grant Program may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the award. Therefore, any coral conservation project under this Grant Program requires a 1:1 contribution of non-Federal matching funds. Matching funds can come from a variety of public and private sources and can include in-kind goods and services such as private boat use and volunteer labor. Federal sources cannot be considered as matching funds, but can be described in the budget narrative to demonstrate additional leverage. Applicants are permitted to combine contributions from multiple non-Federal partners in order to meet the 1:1 match requirement, as long as such contributions are not being used to match any Federal funds received under another award.

Applicants must specify in their proposal the source(s) of match and may be asked to provide letters of commitment to confirm stated match contributions. Applicants whose proposals are selected for funding will be bound by the percentage of cost sharing reflected in the award document signed by the NOAA Grants Officer. Applicants should be prepared to carefully document matching contributions for each project selected for funding.

As per section 6403(b)(2) of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, the NOAA Administrator may waive all or part of the matching requirement if the Administrator determines that the project meets the following two requirements:

- 1) No reasonable means are available through which an applicant can meet the matching requirement, and,
- 2) The probable benefit of such project outweighs the public interest in such matching requirement.

In the case of a waiver request, the applicant must provide a detailed justification explaining the need for the waiver including attempts to obtain sources of matching funds, how the benefit of the project outweighs the public interest in providing match, and any other extenuating circumstances preventing the availability of match. Match waiver requests including the appropriate justification should be submitted as part of the final application package.

C. Other Criteria that Affect Eligibility

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IV. Application and Submission Information

A. Address to Request Application Package

Final applications will be received by invitation only and must include the Federal financial assistance forms SF424, SF424a, SF424b, CD511 and SF-LLL that are available as part of the electronic application package through <http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/FormLinks?family=15>. For such invited final applicants without internet access, an application package may be requested by contacting Scot Frew, 1315 East West Highway, 5th Floor, N/IP, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Phone: 301-713-3078 extension 220; or e-mail: Scot.Frew@noaa.gov.

B. Content and Form of Application

The application process of this FFO requires both a pre-application and final application. Each pre-application and final application submitted in response to this FFO must be written in English and must include the following information:

1. A coversheet that includes:
 - a. Cooperative Agreement title;
 - b. Applicant organization name and classification (nonprofit, university, government, etc.);
 - c. Principal investigator and contact responsible for conducting the project;
 - d. Contact information including address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address;
 - e. Grant Program category: CRCP International Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements;
 - f. Geographic locations of the project and the site names
 - g. Amount of grant funds requested per year;
 - h. Amount of matching funds provided per year; and
 - i. One paragraph project summary emphasizing the project objectives and activities.
2. Proposal Narrative

Each pre- and final application narrative must clearly describe the proposed work in 30 pages or less, excluding letters of support and attachments. Font size should be 12 point with 1- inch margins on all 4 sides. Paper pre- and final applications must not be bound or stapled, but can be bundled, for example, by rubber bands or binder clips. All pre- and final applications, letters of support and attachments must be written in English and letters of support in other languages must be accompanied by English language translations. In

addition to the cover sheet, each pre- and final application must include the following elements:

- a. The specific NOAA CRCP International Strategy goal(s) and objective(s) addressed by the Cooperative Agreement;
- b. Justification for proposed activities;
- c. Cooperative Agreement Goals and Objectives;
- d. Implementation strategy (methods and activities in relation to Cooperative Agreement Goals and Objectives); if any bio-physical and/or socio-economic monitoring activities are proposed, the description must include details of proposed methodologies.
- e. A task timetable with interim benchmarks linked to clearly defined work products or objectives;
- f. Identification of how the cooperative agreement fits into applicant and government strategy for site management;
- g. A paragraph that describes how the cooperative agreement will address relevant management needs. It should include a clear means to incorporate the results into management needs of the agencies with authority over coral reef ecosystems in the project location.
- h. A table with a column for cooperative agreement outcomes and another column for their corresponding concrete outputs/products; these products will be tracked by NOAA to ensure that they are publishable.
- i. Partner justification and roles: Evidence of support for the project from the local management authority where the work is conducted at specific sites must indicate that the project supports local management objectives. In those cases where training is proposed, indication that participants will apply these techniques at their local sites is requested. Please include evidence of coordination with relevant national and regional project partners, including a list of agencies consulted in developing the proposal and assurances that any necessary permits will be secured prior to the use of U.S. Federal funds. If the applicant is not a regional organization, please include evidence of support from a regional organization that has a working relationship and demonstrated experience working with the local government authorities that manage the marine areas addressed.
- j. A methodology to evaluate the success of the cooperative agreement activities;
- k. Summary description of the qualifications of the individuals and principal investigators who will conduct the cooperative agreement.

3. Budget Narrative

The Budget narrative must include a detailed breakdown and justification of costs for both the Federal and non-Federal shares as they relate to specific aspects of the cooperative agreement using the following categories from Federal Form 424A: Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment (items of over \$5,000), Supplies (items of under \$5,000), Contractual and Other. The federal forms do NOT have to be included in the pre-application. For the Final application, a SEPARATE 424A and Budget Narrative must be submitted for each year. The forms can be downloaded at:

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/FormLinks?family=15>. If internet access is not available, please request copies from: Scot Frew, NOAA/NOS International Program Office, 1315 East West Highway, 5th Floor, N/IP, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or Scot.Frew@noaa.gov, telephone 301-713-3078 ext. 220; or fax 301-713-4263.

The budget narrative submitted with the application must match the dollar amounts on all required forms. Describe, by federal category of expenditure, the total cost of the overall work plan for the entire grant period. To facilitate the accounting of project costs and minimize potential math errors, we request that the budget narrative be submitted in MS Excel or a comparable spreadsheet application. For multi-year final applications, a Form 424a and a separate budget narrative is required for each year. Form 424a and a separate budget narrative are also required for each sub-contract of \$25,000 or more, for each year of the subcontracts. Categories should correspond to the following Object Class Categories listed in Section B of the SF-424A:

a) PERSONNEL costs, including salary and wages, should be broken out by named PI and number of months requested per year per principal investigator (PI). Support for each PI should be commensurate with their stated involvement each year in the project timeline. Any unnamed personnel (graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, technicians) should be identified by their job title, and their personnel costs explained similar to PI personnel costs above.

b) FRINGE BENEFITS must be identified separately from salary and wages, should be applied consistently, and should apply equally to both Federal and non-Federal (matching) funds.

c) TRAVEL costs must be broken out by number of people traveling, destination and purpose of travel, and projected costs per person. Briefly describe the travel involved, its purpose, and explain how the proposed travel is necessary for successful completion of the activity or project. If travel details of a particular trip are unknown, you must explain the basis for proposed costs (i.e., historical costs) instead of providing a lump sum estimate. Please also be aware of the provisions of the Fly America Act and use U.S.-flagged vessels for transport, unless a waiver to this provision has been secured.

d) EQUIPMENT is non-expendable, tangible personal property with a unit cost of \$5,000.00 or more and a useful life of more than one year. Items that do not meet the equipment definition may be included under supplies. Each piece of equipment should be described separately and reference the type/model to be purchased and its contribution to the achievement of the project goals.

e) SUPPLIES should be itemized to the level of detail known or may be based on established historical costs. General use supplies (i.e., computers, printers, etc.) must be used 100% for the proposed project if charged directly to the award.

f) CONTRACTUAL costs should be itemized separately by contract, according to standard budget categories; all types of contractual costs should be included in the Contractual line item on the SF 424A. Indicate the basis for each contract cost estimate in the narrative. Products or services to be obtained via contracts should be described in detail.

g) OTHER costs should be listed by type of material or nature of expense and should be broken down by quantity and cost per unit if applicable. A description of allowable costs can be found in the document listed under Section IV.E (5) about Cost Principles.

h) INDIRECT costs may be requested if the applicant has an established indirect cost rate with the Federal government. Indirect costs are essentially overhead costs for basic operational functions (e.g., utilities, rent, and insurance) that are incurred for common or joint objectives and, therefore, cannot be identified specifically within a particular project. For this solicitation, the Federal share of the indirect costs awarded will not exceed 25 percent of the Federal direct costs proposed. For those situations in which the use of the applicant indirect cost rate would result in indirect costs greater than 25 percent of the Federal direct costs proposed, the difference may be counted as part of the non-Federal share. A copy of the current, approved negotiated indirect cost agreement with the Federal Government must be included with the final application package. If the applicant does not have a current negotiated rate and plans to seek reimbursement for indirect costs, documentation necessary to establish a rate must be submitted within 90 days of receiving an award.

Intended sources of matching funds and whether they have been secured must be stated in the pre- and final application. The pre- and final application must also state whether the project has been submitted for funding consideration elsewhere. Applicants whose pre-applications are recommended for funding will be required to submit with the final application, letter(s) of commitment to fund from the organization(s) providing matching funds.

A copy of the applicant's Federal negotiated indirect cost agreement must be included, if applicable. If the applicant currently has a negotiated indirect cost rate with the Federal Government, up to 25% of the total indirect costs can be included in the budget supported by

Federal funds. Indirect costs are overhead costs for basic operational functions (e.g., lights, rent, water, insurance) that are incurred for common or joint objectives and, therefore, cannot be identified specifically within a particular project.

4. Data/Information Sharing Plan

Environmental data and information collected and/or created under NOAA grants or cooperative agreements must be made visible, accessible, and independently understandable to general users, free of charge or at minimal cost, in a timely manner (typically no later than two years after the data are collected or created), except where limited by law, regulation, policy or by security requirements. To comply with NOAA Administrative Order 212-15, a Data/Information Sharing Plan of no more than two pages is required as part of the Project Narrative, and should include:

- a. Descriptions of the types of environmental data and information to be created during the course of the project [environmental data includes recorded and derived observations and measurements of the physical, chemical, biological, geological, and geophysical properties and conditions of the oceans and atmosphere, as well as correlative data, such as socio-economic data and media (recordings, photos, videos etc.)];
- b. The tentative date by which data will be shared (typically no later than two years after the data are collected or created);
- c. The standards to be used for data/metadata format and content (NOAA has endorsed the use of ISO Standards for documenting environmental data and information);
- d. Policies addressing data stewardship and preservation;
- e. Procedures for providing access, data, and security (all data products must be archived in multiple locations and provided to NOAA for long-term storage); and
- f. Where possible, prior experience in publishing such data.

The Data/Information Sharing Plan will be reviewed as part of the evaluation criteria described in Section V(A). The Data/Information Sharing Plan (and any subsequent revisions or updates) will be made available publicly at time of award and will be posted with the published data. The Data Sharing Plan provided in the final application will be made available by NOAA on behalf of the recipient at the start of the award period. Failure to share environmental data and information in accordance with the submitted Data/Information Sharing Plan may lead to disallowed costs and be considered by NOAA when making future award decisions.

C. Submission Dates and Times

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D. Intergovernmental Review

Applications under the International Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements are not subject to Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

E. Funding Restrictions

1. Construction projects are not eligible for this Grant Program.
2. U.S. Federal employee travel and salaries are not allowable costs under this Program.
3. Large equipment and/or infrastructure acquisitions are not allowable for funding under this Grant Program.
4. Pre-award costs will not be authorized. Only costs within the proposed award period starting on October 1, 2014 will be considered.
5. Funds awarded cannot necessarily pay for all project expenses. Allowable costs are determined by the cost principles referenced in the Office of Management and Budget Circulars 2 CFR, Part 215 Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations and Educational Institutions; and 15 CFR, Part 24 Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments. Generally, costs that are allowable include salaries, fringe benefits, equipment, supplies, and contracts, as long as these are necessary and reasonable.
6. Permits and Approvals: It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain all necessary national, state, and local government permits and approvals for the proposed work. Applicants are expected to design their proposals so that they minimize the potential adverse impact on the environment. If applicable, documentation of requests or approvals of environmental permits must be included in the proposal package. Applications will be reviewed to ensure that they have sufficient environmental documentation to allow program staff to determine whether the proposal is categorically excluded from further (U.S.) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis or whether an environmental

assessment is necessary to conform to the requirements of NEPA. For those applications needing an environmental assessment, applicants will be informed after the peer review stage and will be requested to assist in the preparation of the assessment. Final approval of the award and authorization for expenditure of funds are dependent on the applicant obtaining the necessary permits and approval of the NEPA analysis by NOAA.

Failure to apply for and/or obtain national, state, and local permits, approvals, letters of agreement, or failure to provide environmental analyses where necessary (i.e., NEPA environmental assessment) will delay or prevent the award of funds for projects that have been preliminarily selected for funding.

F. Other Submission Requirements

1. Pre-application Submission Information

a) Pre-applications must be submitted by surface mail, fax or e-mail to coral.grants@noaa.gov and all postmarked by 5 p.m., U.S. Eastern Standard Time Friday, December 6, 2013. E-mail submission is highly preferable. Acceptable electronic formats for narratives, attachments, and images are limited to Adobe Acrobat (.PDF), or Microsoft Word files. If submitting by surface mail, please include an electronic copy of the pre-application on CD. Federal financial assistance forms are NOT required to be submitted with the pre-application. If surface mail is selected, paper pre-applications must be addressed to: Scot Frew, NOAA/NOS International Program Office, 1315 East West Highway, 5th Floor, N/IP, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Fax submittals will be accepted for pre-applications ONLY (Fax: 301-713-4263).

b) Please note that late pre-applications cannot be considered under any circumstances including email transmission malfunctions. Electronic files of pre-applications must arrive without viruses. If attachments cannot be opened due to a virus or if they arrive with a virus, the pre-applications will be disqualified. You may call us at 301-713-3078 x218 before the deadline to ensure that your pre-application arrived. In any event, pre-applications sent by surface mail received more than 10 business days following the postmarked closing date will not be accepted

2. Final Application Submission Information

a) FINAL applications will be accepted ONLY from those applicants who are invited to submit a final application. Applicants may be required to make modifications or revisions to the project and budget narratives and must submit revised materials with a Federal financial assistance award application package (Federal forms described below). Only applicants who submitted pre-applications by the deadline will be eligible to be considered for invitations to

submit a final application by 5 p.m., U.S. Eastern Standard Time, on Friday, February 28, 2014.

b) The applicant may submit the final application (narratives, Federal forms, and supporting documentation) in one of two ways: Applications must be submitted through www.grants.gov, unless an applicant does not have internet access. In that case, hard copies with original signatures and scanned copies on a CD must be sent to: Scot Frew, NOAA/NOS International Program Office, 1315 East West Highway, 5th Floor, N/IP, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and postmarked by 5 p.m., U.S. Eastern Standard Time, on Friday, February 28, 2014. Late final applications cannot be accepted under any circumstances, and applications sent by surface mail received more than 10 business days following the postmarked closing date will not be accepted.

Scot Frew, NOAA/NOS International Program Office, 1315 East West Highway, 5th Floor, N/IP, Silver Spring, MD 20910

V. Application Review Information

A. Evaluation Criteria

Once a pre-application has been received by NOAA, an initial administrative review is conducted to determine compliance with requirements and completeness of the application. The CRCP will provide for a merit-based peer review and standardized documentation of that review for proposals that meet the eligibility requirements.

Each pre-application will be reviewed by a minimum of three individuals with knowledge of the subject of the proposal. Each reviewer will submit a separate and individual review; reviewers will not provide a consensus opinion. The identities of peer reviewers will be kept anonymous to the degree permitted by law. Each reviewer will individually evaluate and rank proposals using the evaluation criteria provided below. Reviewer evaluations are used to produce a rank order of the proposals.

1) Importance and/or relevance and applicability of proposed project to the program goals (35%): This ascertains whether there is intrinsic value in the proposed work and/or relevance to NOAA, Federal (other than NOAA), regional, state, or local activities. For this competition, the proposal should demonstrate the need for the proposed coral reef management activity to fill gaps in the country/region.

2) Technical/scientific merit (20%): This assesses whether the approach is technically sound and/or innovative, if the methods are appropriate, and whether there are clear project goals and objectives.

3) Overall qualifications of applicants (20%): This ascertains whether the applicant possesses the necessary education, experience, training, facilities, and administrative resources to accomplish the project. For this competition, the proposal should demonstrate coordination with applicable ongoing local, regional, and international coral reef management activities;

4) Project costs (20%): The project budget is evaluated to determine if it is realistic and commensurate with the project needs and time-frame. For this competition, the budget should reflect the ability of the applicant to complete the work for the funding and timing proposed.

5) Outreach and education (5%): NOAA assesses whether this project provides a focused and effective education and outreach strategy.

NOAA may also request and consider written comments on proposed cooperative agreements from agencies with jurisdiction over coral reef ecosystems in the area where the project is to be conducted, as described in Section X(1) of the Guidelines. Under this competition, NOAA may request and consider written comments on the proposal from relevant U.S. government agencies such as the Agency for International Development and the Department of the Interior; foreign governments and their coral management agencies; and other international entities as necessary.

B. Review and Selection Process

Upon receipt of a pre-application by NOAA, an initial administrative review will be conducted to determine compliance with requirements and completeness of the pre-application. A merit review will also be conducted to produce a rank order of the proposals.

CRCP will take into consideration comments received from all reviewers. Based on the reviews, CRCP will rank order the pre-applications, and provide preliminary funding recommendations and summary comments on each proposal to those applicants invited to submit a final application. These comments will include input from all reviewers and the CRCP, and are intended to strengthen the application. Applicants must clearly address the reviewer's comments in their final application. Upon receipt of the final application, complete with the requisite Federal forms, the CRCP will review the complete package and make final funding recommendations based on the incorporation of, and response to, comments that were returned to the applicant. The CRCP will submit these funding recommendations to the NOAA review panel for final review, pursuant to Section X(4) of the Guidelines to ensure that the Coral Reef Conservation Act requirements for geographic funding distribution have been met and that the recommendations are consistent with the provisions of this FFO. The Program Officials and/or Selecting Official reserve the right to reduce requested funding amounts. The Selecting Official makes final recommendations for the award to the Grants Officer, who is authorized to obligate the funds. If an insufficient

number of eligible final applications are received, NOAA may reallocate residual funds from this Grant Program area to a different funding category.

C. Selection Factors

The merit review ratings will be used to provide a rank order to the Selecting Official for final funding recommendations. The Federal Program Officer may make selection recommendations to the Selecting Official based on application of the selection factors listed below. The Selecting Official shall award in rank order unless the proposal is justified to be selected out of rank order based upon one or more of the following factors:

2) Balance/distribution of funds:

- a. Geographically
- b. By type of institutions
- c. By type of partners
- d. By research areas
- e. By project types

3) Whether this project duplicates other projects, grants or cooperative agreements funded or considered for funding by NOAA or other Federal agencies.

4) Program priorities and policy factors

5) Applicant prior award performance

6) Partnerships and/or participation of targeted groups

7) Adequacy of information necessary for NOAA to make a National Environmental Policy Act determination and draft necessary documentation before funding recommendations are made to the Grants Officer.

D. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

CRCP will contact selected pre-applicants by Friday, January 31, 2014, and will invite them to submit a final application by Friday, February 28, 2014. This notification may include a request to make modifications or revisions to the project proposal and budget narrative. Subject to the availability of funds, final funding selection will be made by the NOAA Grants Management Division, and selected recipients notified through the official Form CD 450 by September 30, 2014. NOAA anticipates awards to selected applicants will begin October 1, 2014. Cooperative agreements should not be initiated in expectation of Federal funding until a notice of award document is received from the NOAA Grants Officer

at the NOAA Grants Management Division. Publication of this document does not obligate NOAA to award any specific project or obligate all or any part of the available funds.

VI. Award Administration Information

A. Award Notices

Official notification of funding will be issued electronically by the NOAA Grants Management Division to the authorized representative named on the proposal. Unsuccessful pre- and final applications will be destroyed and not returned to the applicant. It is the goal of the NOAA Program Officer to provide written notice to unsuccessful applicants after successful applicants have received and accepted their awards.

B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

1. Indirect Costs:

The budget may include an amount for indirect costs if the applicant has an established indirect cost rate with the Federal government. Indirect costs are essentially overhead costs for basic operational functions (e.g., utilities, rent, and insurance) that are incurred for common or joint objectives and, therefore, cannot be identified specifically within a particular project. For this solicitation, the Federal share of the indirect costs awarded will not exceed the lesser of either the indirect costs that the applicant would be entitled to if the negotiated Federal indirect cost rate were used or 25 percent of the Federal direct costs proposed. For those situations in which the use of the applicant indirect cost rate would result in indirect costs greater than 25 percent of the Federal direct costs proposed, the difference may be counted as part of the non-Federal share. A copy of the current, approved negotiated indirect cost agreement with the Federal Government must be included with the pre-and final application. If the applicant does not have a current negotiated rate and plans to seek reimbursement for indirect costs, documentation necessary to establish a rate must be submitted within 90 days of receiving an award.

2. Multi-year Funding:

If an application is selected for multi-year funding, NOAA has no obligation to provide any additional prospective funding in connection with that award in subsequent year(s). Any subsequent proposal to continue work on an existing project must be submitted to the competitive process for consideration and will not receive preferential treatment. Renewal of an award to increase funding or to extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NOAA.

3. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals that are seeking NOAA Federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA website: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA, http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/~ames/NAOs/Chap_216/naos_216_6.html, and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm. Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reefs).

Applicants proposing coral reef conservation activities that cannot be categorically excluded from further NEPA analysis or that are not covered by the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program (PEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be informed after the peer review stage and may be requested to assist in the preparation of an environmental assessment prior to an award being made, or review a copy of an environmental assessment that covers proposed activities if one exists. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for rejecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment. The CRCP's PEA and FONSI can be found at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/ead/ecosysdocs/CoralPEAFinal.pdf>.

In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying and implementing feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for the denial of an application.

4. Digital Geospatial Data

Recipients must comply with Executive Order 12906 as amended by E.O. 13286 regarding any and all geospatial data collected or produced with funding awarded through

this competition. This includes documenting all geospatial data in accordance with standards developed or endorsed by the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC). Executive Order 12906 can be found at: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/executive-orders/pdf/12906.pdf>, and Executive Order 13286 can be found at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2003-03-05/pdf/03-5343.pdf>

The FGDC has recently endorsed the use of International Standards Organization (ISO) 19115 Parts 1 and 2 and representation standard ISO 19139 for documenting environmental data and information (<http://www.ncddc.noaa.gov/metadata-standards/>). A set of the minimum metadata fields required for all data products produced via awards under this competition can be found at: http://coris.noaa.gov/data/examples/bamf_min_crsp_fields.txt.

5. Financial Assistance Award Package

The CRCP uses only the existing NOAA Federal financial assistance awards package requirements per 15 CFR part 24 and 2 CFR part 215. (<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/FormLinks?family=15>).

6. Paperwork Reduction Act

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection-of-information, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number. Forms SF-424, SF-424A, SF-424B, and SF-LLL and CD-346 have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046 and 0605-0001, respectively.

This notice also contains a collection-of-information requirement subject the Paperwork Reduction Act and which has been approved by OMB under control number 0648-0448. The public reporting burden is estimated to average one hour per response for comments on a proposed project from each agency with jurisdiction over coral reef ecosystems in the area where the project is to be conducted and one hour per response for a request for a waiver of matching funds. This estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of these data collections, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, N/OCRM, National Ocean Service, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

7. Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the Federal Register notice of December 17, 2012 (Vol. 77, No. 242 page 74634) are applicable to this solicitation and may be found at: <http://www.commerce.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2013/march/doc-preaward-notice-77fr74634.pdf>.

8. Award Standard Terms and Conditions

Successful applicants that accept an award under this solicitation will be bound by Department of Commerce, Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions: http://www.osec.doc.gov/oam/grants_management/policy/documents/DOC_Standard_Terms_and_Conditions_01_10_2013.pdf.

9. Public Access to Award Documents and Products

Applications that are supported with Federal funds may be provided to members of the public under certain circumstances. Products resulting from funded projects may be made available by NOAA as described previously and in the next section. Data generated by award recipients will be shared according to the provisions included in the award's data sharing plan [see Section IV(B)15].

10. System for Award Management

To enable the use of a universal identifier and to enhance the quality of information available to the public as required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to the extent applicable, any applicant awarded in response to this announcement will be required to use the System for Award Management (SAM). The link is <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>.

11. Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System

Applicants are also required to use the Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System and will be subject to reporting requirements, as identified in OMB guidance published at 2 CFR Part 25. The link is http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr25_main_02.tpl

12. Federally-assessed delinquent tax liability

In accordance with current Federal appropriations law, NOAA will provide a successful corporate applicant a form to be completed by its authorized representatives certifying that the corporation has no Federally-assessed unpaid or delinquent tax liability or recent felony criminal convictions under any Federal law.

13. Environmental data and information

Environmental data and information, collected and/or created under NOAA grants/cooperative agreements must be made visible, accessible, and independently understandable to general users, free of charge or at minimal cost, in a timely manner (typically no later than two (2) years after the data are collected or created), except where limited by law, regulation, policy or by security requirements.

a. Unless otherwise noted in this federal funding announcement, a Data/Information Sharing Plan of no more than two pages shall be required as part of the Project Narrative. A typical plan may include the types of environmental data and information to be created during the course of the project; the tentative date by which data will be shared; the standards to be used for data/metadata format and content; policies addressing data stewardship and preservation; procedures for providing access, data, and security; and prior experience in publishing such data. The Data/Information Sharing Plan will be reviewed as part of the NOAA Standard Evaluation Criteria, Item 1 -- Importance and/or Relevance and Applicability of Proposed Project to the Mission Goals.

b. The Data/Information Sharing Plan (and any subsequent revisions or updates) will be made publicly available at time of award and, thereafter, will be posted with the published data.

c. Failing to share environmental data and information in accordance with the submitted Data/Information Sharing Plan may lead to disallowed costs and be considered by NOAA when making future award decisions.

14. Programmatic Special Award Conditions

Environmental data and information, collected and/or created under this grant/cooperative agreement will be made visible, accessible and independently understandable to users, free of charge or at minimal cost, in a timely manner (typically no later than two (2) years after the data are collected or created), except where limited by law, regulation, policy or by security requirements.

a. The Data/Information Sharing Plan (and any subsequent revisions or updates) will be made publicly available at time of award and, thereafter, will be posted with the published data.

b. Environmental data and information produced under this award and which are made public must be accompanied by the following statement: These environmental data and related items of information have not been formally disseminated by NOAA and do not represent and should not be construed to represent any agency determination, view, or policy.

c. NOAA may at its own discretion, use information from the Data/Information Sharing Plan to produce a formal metadata record and include that metadata in a catalogue to indicate the pending availability of new data.

d. Failing to share environmental data and information in accordance with the submitted Data/Information Sharing Plan may lead to disallowed costs and be considered by NOAA when making future award decisions.

C. Reporting

All performance and financial reports shall be submitted through the recipient's NOAA Grants Online account in accordance with the Department of Commerce, Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions. Progress on each award is communicated to NOAA in the form of performance progress reports, which are outlined in 2 CFR Part 215: Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations or 15 CFR Part 24: Grants and Cooperative Agreements With State and Local Governments. Performance reports must be submitted on a semi-annual schedule no later than 30 days following the end of each 6-month period from the start date of the award. Financial reports must be submitted every 6 months by the end of April and October during the period of the award in accordance with the Department of Commerce, Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions.

A comprehensive final report is due 90 days after the award expiration along with copies of all products that are developed under the award. Copies of all materials (such as but not limited to brochures, posters, videos, DVDs, publications, reports, management plans, workshop proceedings etc.) produced through the award, along with copies of any reports submitted by subcontractors as part of the award, must be provided to the program office within 90 days of the end of the award. All products must be of publishable quality and acknowledge the support provided by NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program as described at: <http://coralreef.noaa.gov/aboutcrp/whoweare/graphic/>. Because products may be made available to the public via the Coral Reef Information System (CoRIS, <http://coris.noaa.gov/>), it is the recipient's responsibility to ensure that products are professionally written and edited and do not contain sensitive information. Media products must be Section 508 compliant (<http://www.section508.gov/index.cfm?fuseAction=stdsSum>). Except where limited by law, regulation, policy or security, recipients are requested to include a statement on the front page of all products to indicate the material is "Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited."

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, includes a requirement for awardees of applicable Federal grants to report information about first-tier sub-awards and executive compensation under Federal assistance awards issued in FY 2011

or later. All awardees of applicable grants and cooperative agreements are required to report to the Federal Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS) available at www.FSRS.gov on all sub-awards over \$25,000.

VII. Agency Contacts

Technical point of contact for the International Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreements is Scot Frew, NOAA/NOS International Program Office, 301-713- 3078, extension 220, e-mail at scot.frew@noaa.gov or address at: NOAA/NOS/IPO, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

VIII. Other Information

There is no other information for this announcement.